(b) what are the details of Post Offices city-wise, where this modernisation is proposed in the State during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) As a part of the Eighth Five Year plan programme, the department has, till date, installed and commissioned 70 computer-based counter machines in 20 Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh.

Sixty-nine more such machines are proposed to be installed and commissioned in another 21 Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh during the current year. Installation of PC based counter machines in Madhya Pradesh Circle during 1996.97 will be decided after due considerations.

Six Post Offices are proposed to be fully computerised by installation of counter machines during 1995.96. These Post Offices are: (i) Bhopal GPO

(ii) Hoshangabad Head Office

(iii) Bhilai Sub Office

(iv) Jabalpur Head Office

(v) Ujjain Head Office

(vii) Laskar Head Office, in Gwalior.

Allotment of STD/ISD booths to SCs/STs in Madhya Pradesh

4499. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many SC|ST candidates were given priority allotment of STD/ISD telephone booths in adhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) how many applications are pending with Government for this purpose from the candidates belonging to these categories in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) by when Government propose to allot STD/ISD telephone booths to all the SC|ST candidates who have applied for these booths from Madhya Padesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) and (b) Applicants belonging to SCs|STs are given preference in the matter of sanction of STD|ISD PCOs. No seperate records are, however, maintained regarding the no. of such applicants given allotment so far and whose applications are pending for allotment in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) All the eligible applicants including those belonging to SC|ST approved by STD PCO allotment committee would be allotted STD|ISD PCOs progressively subject to technical feasibility.

Recruitment of Trainee Engineers by VSNL

4500. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd., has recently recruited Trainee Engineering Officers;

(b) if so, when the interviews were held and how many candidates were selected;

(c) the details of candidates selected, with their qualifications;

(d) whether any complaints of malpractices in selection were received by Government; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The interviews were held in February 1995. 30 candidates were selected out of 154 candidates called for interview.

(c) Details of candidates selected with their qualifications are given in the annexed, statement. (See below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.